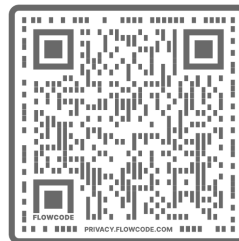




## Welcome Back to Another Semester at JSU!

As we go into the 2022-2023 year the Executive Board has decided on the following for the Chapter. Firstly, while continuing our previous years' goals of expanding our membership, we want to shift toward engagement of our current members. We are striving for a 20% attendance and engagement with our members this year. We hope to accomplish this through the survey that is being sent with this first newsletter. It is our hope that you will take the time to complete the survey so that we can better gauge the types of speakers and interests that each of our members have.

[Link to Survey!](#)



## Upcoming IAEM Events

**Keeping Everyone in the Loop through Engagement Strategies Webinar**

October 6 at 3:30 p.m. ET

**North Carolina EM Assoc. Fall 2022 Conference**

October 9-12, 2022  
Wilmington, NC

**ChemLock: Introduction to Chemical Security**

October 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. ET  
Virtual Conference

**IAEM 70th Annual Conference and EMEX**

Nov. 11-17, 2022  
Savannah, Georgia

For more events, click [here](#).

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# From the Chapter President

Written by: President James Queen

National Preparedness month. That would be the month of September here in the United States. Every EM and organizations take this month to push Preparedness across the country. Ranging from the information put out by FEMA and ready.gov to the flyer that our EM put up in the 911 center, the Police Department and the Sheriffs Department. Everyone wants to make sure that the public in general is ready for whatever may come their way.

Preparedness is particularly important this time of year with hurricane season in full swing. We see those in Florida and along the Gulf Coast getting ready for the first hurricane of the year to hit that region this week. From experience having lived in Florida there are many that do not take the preparation seriously. The stores will be packed for the next few days leading up to the event, and those that will have taken the warnings with a grain of salt and not prepared at all. Those will be the ones that will inundate emergency services with calls for help.

As practicing or up and coming practitioners in Emergency Management or in Emergency Services in general we need to take not just the month of September to push for preparedness. I have personally had the opportunity to experience several disaster declarations, while not always having worked in public safety, I have been in them. I have been through a hurricane in Florida, major flooding in Georgia in 2009, snowstorms in Oklahoma that have shut down all roads (this one we had a medical emergency in the home during this), and having seen the damages that a tornado can do firsthand.

I learned early that being prepared is of the utmost importance. Make sure that you have access to water, food, shelter, and necessary medications. While there are other items that are important, those are the ones we can not live without. So please take a moment and assess your needs and make sure that you are prepared for what ever may come your way.

For More Information: <https://www.ready.gov/september>



## Doctoral Seminar Welcome Reception + Fundraiser

The IAEM Chapter Executive Board hosted a Welcome Reception at the Fall Doctoral Seminar in August. The Chapter provided meat and cheese boards, hotdogs, and lots of desserts. We had twenty-six students, professors, and IAEM member present. It was a great opportunity to sit down and meet with some of the Doctoral students, and in doing so, we were able to recruit six new doctoral-level members.

During the week of seminar, the Chapter also held a fundraiser to offset some of the costs associated with the Welcome Reception as well as contribute to the undergraduate scholarship fund. This fundraiser consisted of a raffle of three "baskets" and a handmade wooden flag (see below for more details).

We hope to make this an annual event and hope to have the full Chapter participate in the planning and execution of next year's event.

If you have any question about this event, getting involved, or the undergraduate scholarship opportunity, please reach out to us!

*\$5 per ticket*



The Local includes items donated by various sponsors around Jacksonville including discounts and gift cards for all your favorite shops and restaurants! + JSU-IAEM T-Shirt and other JSU Merch!  
**The Local** (\$75 Value)

The Basics provides the winner with some of the basic necessities of being a Gamecock! Including: JSU-IAEM T-Shirt, JSU Tumbler, Car Tag, and some other fun stuff!  
**The Basics** (\$70 Value)



This Basket is designed for the convenient shopper. With gift cards for some of the most popular online outlets.  
+ JSU-IAEM T-Shirt!  
**The Savvy Shopper** (\$75 Value)



Michael Maddox of [msmdetails](#), a local artisan and woodworker, has provided the Chapter with a handcrafted, solid wood, American flag to be raffled off. (16x30 in.)  
**The Flag** (\$125 Value)



Thank you to our sponsors, who so generously donated to our raffle.

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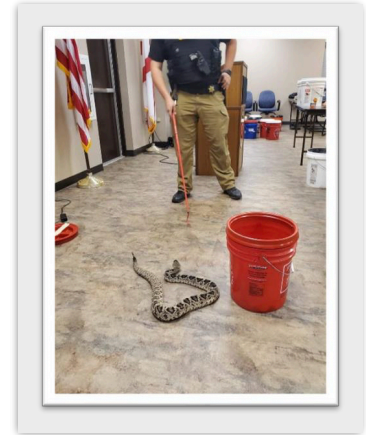


# V.I.P.E.R.: Venomous Improved Preparedness for Emergency Responders

Dr. Islam and Dr. Van Slyke have provided us the following information regarding a venomous snake training that will be held at the JSU Little River Canyon Center, next Wednesday October 12th. There is no cost to attend, and there will be free bites!!! 🙌😄

Just like many people are not aware of the Department of Homeland Security CDP at McClellan, so also many are not aware of the JSU Little River Canyon Center, which if you've never been there, I'd encourage you to go and **check it out** - is an awesome place!

The Alabama Herpetological Society has designed a professional, entertaining, and engaging course specifically tailored to give first responders the training they need to manage snake encounters safely and efficiently.



*"We want to reduce the risk our public servants face when they respond to calls and tips about venomous snakes by sharing our knowledge. These people put their lives on the line to keep us safe, and they deserve access to the best techniques available."*

For more information regarding this event or how to get involved check your inbox for the flyer and details.

## IAEM Certifications

Are you interested in obtaining you AEM or CEM? We will have a subject matter expert speak on the process and differences. Stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, get a head start [here](#).

**Here are some resources to get you started:**

- [Exam Study Guide](#)
- [Certification Guidebook 2022](#)
- [Find a Mentor!](#)



*We have several Chapter Members exploring the idea of attaining their AEM/CEM. If you are interested in participating (or if already have your certification and would like to share some pointers), please reach out to the JSU- IAEM email or the Chapter Secretary Noah Maddox (nmaddox2@stu.jsu.edu) for more information.*